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Library 19

East Sudbury Social Library.

Historical Notes.

This association was started April 6. 1796 by several citizens who were "Fully convinced that public as well as private happiness essentially depends on the general difusion of Knowledge; and that the easiest and most direct way to obtain that Knowledge is by the free use of well-chosen books."

The regulations required the payment of Four dollars for membership and an annual assessment of 25 cents. Thirty two persons became members at the outset.

The first board of Directors were Revd. Josiah Bridge
Mr. Simeon Pratt.
Dea. Robt. Cutting.
Capt. David Baldwin
Doctr. Joseph Roby.

Nathl. Reeves Esq was Librarian with an annual fee for that service of Two dollars.

Books were taken out or exchanged once a month.

The first invoice of books was bought of Ebenr. Larkin of Boston. 36 vols at a cost of 9£. 6s. 0d.

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Transliteration Notebook
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On the 5th day of December 1796 the first loan of books to proprietors took place, and twenty eight volumes were given out to as many persons. The Librarian's record shows the readers and the books read until March 3 - 1811; The last entry being from Dec. 1 to March 3 - and indicating a great diminution of interest; only six persons using the books during that time.

No records appear from the last date above named until December 1821. when an interest was revived by a revised code of Regulations. The fee of membership was reduced to $3. and the annual assessment fixed at 50 cts.

At this date 21 of the old members hips remain. and the number of volumes was reported as 115 at a cost of $137.57

Samuel Russell was chosen Librarian

Three years later the annual ass't was reduced to 25 cts.

No records of the Librarian are to be had subsequent to Mar. 1811 - and from March 14 - 1825 to May 5 - 1832 no business records are extant.

At the Last date above named, a more

successful effort was made to resuscitate the Library by fixing new memberships at Two dollars each and 25 cts for the annual assessment. Seventeen new members were secured; a full set of Scott's novels (41 vols) were purchased and also 17 vols of the Harpis Family Library Series, with some other works. These additions with the old volumes made the entire number belonging to the Library Aug. 1. 1832, 227 vols.

Rev. J. W. Wight, Edwd. Mellen Esq and Doct. Ed. Frost. Committee

Horace Heard, Librarian for 1832

Edwd Mellen " 1833

Edwd. Frost " 1834 to 1841

Jas S. Draper " 1842 – 1843

Beyond the date of March 13. 1843 no records appear. The old book of records bearing marks of much mutilation was placed in the hands of the writer in March 1878.

It appears from Librarian's notes (H. Wight, Free Public Library of Wayland) that in 1852 a number of books were entered in the general Catalogue as coming from the Wayland Social Library. For list of such books, see Book of Donors.

Jas S. Draper, Librarian

Mar. 13. 1878 of Wayland Free Library

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WAYLAND LIBRARY,

No.....

Presented by .....

Purchased .....

Books are considered new until one year from the date of their purchase or presentation, and must be returned in one week.

Other books may be kept out four weeks.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EAST SUDBURY SOCIAL LIBRARY

DATED APRIL 6, 1796.

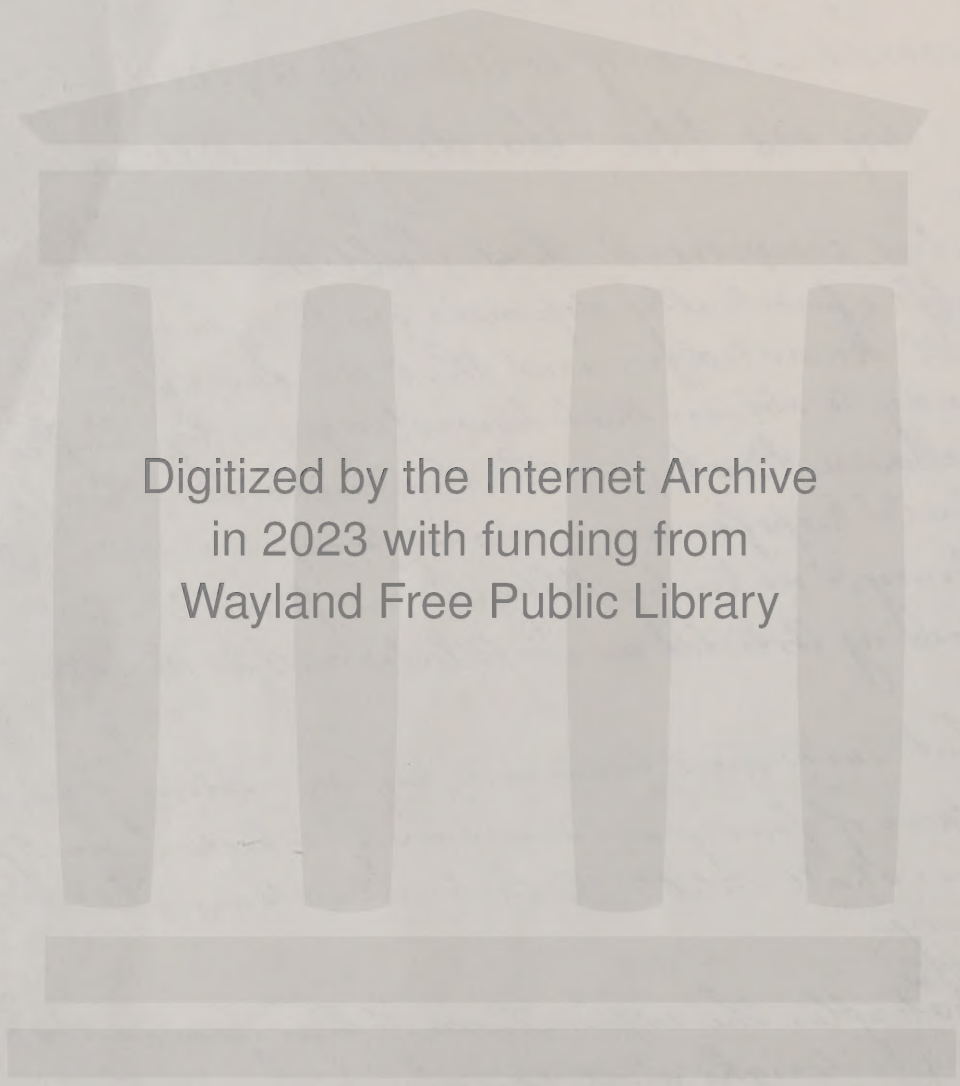
A Constitution

For a social Library mutually agreed upon by us the Underfigned

Fully convinced that Public as well as priv[ate] happiness essentially depends on the General diffusion of useefull Knowledge; and that the easiest and most direct way to obtain that Knowledge, is by the free use of well chosen Books; we the Subscribers do, therefore, agree to purchase & keep for our use and benefit, a social circulating Library, & do hereby Obligate ourselves to abide by the following Articles as constitutional for this society

1st That each member shall pay one dollar P year, for the Space of four years successively, which Sum of four dollars shall entitle the Subscriber to a right in the Library.

2dly That after the expiration of four years, after subscribing each right shall pay annually forever afterwards twenty five cents, at the annual Meeting, or be deprived of the benefit of the Library till paid



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3dly That each member may purchase as many rights as he pleases, at four dollars Eight — have as many Votes in all meetings as he has rights

4th That each member may take out as many Books at one time as he has rights and no more, carefully returning them according to the Rules following

5th All Books shall be punctually returned once in three months, Viz. on the first Monday in March, June, September and December, by 3 Oclock P.M. on penalty of paying thirty three cents for each book retained beyond that hour — or refusing to pay that fine, to have the use of his right suspended till paid

6th Each Member shall have liberty of taking out Books, the first Monday of Every month, if he pleases, returning one when he takes out another, & the Librarian shall attend for that purpose from the hours of one to nine Oclock P.M.

7th There shall be an annual meeting of the Proprietors on the first monday of September at three Oclock P.M. to chuse a Librarian and five Directors at least, who shall manage the Prudential affairs of the Library, receive all monies, fines and forfeitures, and lay out the same for the use of the Library, & shall purchase and receive Books and other furniture, And the Librarian shall be accountable to the Proprietors for the whole Library, and shall keep an

an account always open to the Inspection of the Proprietors of all Furniture, Books, Fines &c: received for the use of the Library, how and for what expended & the Librarian shall be an Inhabitant of the town of East Sudbury, with whom the Library is to be Deposited --

2th Each Proprietor shall have Libery to turn such Books into the Library as he pleases to the amount of his right, or rights, the directors to apprize and receive them; in case they judge them Intiable if the directors refuse them, the major part of the Proprietors present at any meeting shall determine wether they shall be received or not --

3th Any Proprietor shall have Liberty of selling his right or rights, when he pleases, but a Single right shall not be subdivided; or a Proprietor who does not improve his right may lend or lease it, sending a writen certificate of such loan or lease to the Librarian --

4th If any Book shall be damaged, the Proprietor in whose possession it was, shall make it good, at the discression of the directors; in case of refusall, the Benefit of his right shall be suspended untill he does complye --

5th If any person who shall lend a book to a person who is not a Proprietor, he shall pay a fine equal to the value of the book, if he refuses the use of his right shall be suspended till he ~~does~~ complies --

6th Any two or more Proprietors wanting at one and the same time a particular book the Proprietor who shall outbid shall have it.

13th

13th If the proprietors have books of the same kind to turn into the Library, he who will turn in his on the best terms shall have it accepted.

14th And the Library shall remain to us & to our heirs & assigns forever, being subject to an annual revision of its articles & regulations, as the major part of the Proprietors present at the meeting shall judge expedi=ency, and that after twenty persons have subscribed to this Constitution they may proceed to choose their officers — at a meeting warned at least two Sundays previous by the committee chosen to draught this Constitution — by posting each Notification on the door of the meeting house and that all officers shall be chosen by written votes. ———

East Sudbury
April 6th 1796

		Joiah Bridge	1
	right	Nath[l] Rewes	1
Daniel Griffin	1	Daniel Dudley	1
		Joseph Loby	1
Elisha Cutting	1	Nathan Glazier	1
		Benj[a] Pool	1
Aar[n] S. Bridge	1	Tim[o] Harman	1
		Robert Cutting	1
Caleb Hayward	1	Dan[l] Maynard	1
		John Clagg	1
Wen[t] Johnston	1	Sam[l] Rewes	1
		David Brett	1
Simeon Pratt	1	Dav[d] Baldwin	1
		Edmund Rice	1
		Mich[l] Maynard	1
		Robert Cutting Jun[r]	1
		Thos Heard	1
		David Heard	1
		Benj[a] Adams	1
		John Hilton	0
		E.K. Wolcott	1
		Jacob Rewes	1
		Josiah Thomas	1
		Joel Briant	1
		John Noyes Jun[r]	1
		Thomas Rutter	1

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Social Library in Southbury on the thirty first day of October Anno Dom: 1796 said Society made choice of the following Persons for their Officers until this next annual Meeting Viz:

Nathaniel Reeves Esq: - Librarian

Rev: Joriah Bridg
Mr. Simeon Pratt
Deac: Robt. Cutler
Capt: David Baldwin
Doct: Joseph Roby
} Directors

Then said Directors appointed Doct: Joseph Roby to collect the first payment from the Proprietors, which was punctually paid in (except Capt: John Dillon who refused) which money amounting to thirty one Dollars was paid into the Hands of the Rev: Joriah Bridge who Generously gave his trouble in Purchasing the List of Books as by the Bill on the next page for which he received the thanks of the Society

The Directors then Notified a meeting of the Proprietors to be on the fifth day of December A 1796 at the house of the Libra: Anno: 5th Being met, the following Gentlemen Generously Loaned the following Books to said Society, during their Pleasure - Viz:

Rev: Joriah Bridge
Loaned five Books Viz:
Champions Letters
Franklins Life
History Vermont
Smarks Morals
Wilmots Hist: Worcester

Simeon Pratt
Loaned
Views of Religion

Jacob Reeves Loaned
the Life of Joseph & the
Grave, a Poem

The Proprietors of East Sudbury Library 6 Boston Nov.r 28th 1796

Bought of Ebenr Larkin

	Vol:			
Fool of Quality	3	£0	15	0
Phillip Quarll			4	6
Necker on Religion			5	3
Baron Trenck			7	6
Pelew Islands			4	6
Paleys Evidences			6	9
Vicar of Wakefield			4	6
Putnams Life				2 8 0
Ladies Advice			3	9
Keates Sketches			5	0
Seraphical Shepherd			4	0
Dodds reflections			2	0
Man of Feeling			4	6
				1 3 0
Robinson Crusoe			4	6
Mysteries of Udolpho	3		15	0
Littleton's Hist.y of England	2		10	6
Locke Essays Abridged			5	3
Peter Pindar	2		12	0
Dodsleys Fable			4	6
Lindrums History, American Rev.n	2		12	0
Prompter			1	2
				3 4 11
Goldsmith's Animated Nature	4			2 11 0
Citizen of the World			6	0
Italian Nun			3	9
Evening Amusement			3	9
Paul & Mary			2	6
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Discount 10 P.ct				1 0 8
		£	9	6 0

Rec.d Pay.t Ebenr Larkin

At a Meeting of the proprietors Decem^{r} 6th 1796, Books Deliv^{d} to Persons following

		Vol^{s}		
Revd Josiah Bridge	Miss^{s} Adolpho	1st	Returned	
Aaron Bridge	D^{o}	2^{d}	Ret^{d}	
Simeon Pratt	D^{o} Franklin		R	
Dav^{d} Heard	Baron Trenck		R	Bid 10^{c} X
Edmund Rice	Putnam Life		R	3 X
Doct^{r} J^{s} Roby	Fool Quality	1	R	4 X
John Nagy	D^{o}	2	R	
Robt Cutting jun^{r}	Vicar Wakefield		R	
Benj^{a} Adams	Goldsmiths	1	R	
Jacob Rewer	D^{o}	2	R	
Joel Briant	Littleton's Hist^{y}	1	R	
David Smith	Dodsleys Fable		R	2 X
Elisha Cutting	Paul & Mary		R	
Nathan Glazier	Hist^{y} America	1	R	4 X { Dam^{d} 1 P 16 2 Cents
Ebenezer Johnson	D^{o}	2	R	
Doc^{r} Saml Griffin	Robin^{n} Crusoe		R	
Robt Heard	Goldsmith	3	R	
Edwd R. Wolcott	D^{o}	4	R	
John Nagy jun^{r}	Man of feeling		R	
Doc^{r} Robt Cutting	Ladies Advice		R	
Benj^{a} Pool	Paleys Evidence		R	
Saml Rewer	Hist^{y} Vermont		R	
Tim^{o} Sherman	Serap^{s} Shepherd		R	
Capt Danl Maynard	Miss^{s} Adolpho	3	R	
Capt Dav^{d} Baldwin	Fool Quality	3	R	{ Dam^{d} 25 X 4 Cents
Josiah Thomas	View of Religion		R	
Caleb Howard	Citizen of World		R	
Micah Maynard	Prompter		R	

Janry. 2d 1797. Book delivered out to the following Persons Viz:

		Vol:	
Aaron S. Bridge	Goldsmiths	2	Returned
Edmund Rice	Italian queen	1	R.
David Smith	Seneca morals		R
Capt. Danl. Maynard	Putnam Life		R
Capt. Davd. Baldwin	Hist. America	1	R
Joel Briant	Dodds reflec.		Ret.
Dea. Robt. Cutting	Life of Joseph		R
Nathan Gleazen	Heaths echoes		R
Elisha Cutting	Locks essays		R
Timo. Sherman	Ladies Advice		R
Davd. Jon. Roby	Udolpho	1	R
Samel. Reeves	Hermit		R

Feby. 6th 1797 Books delivered out to the Persons following Viz:

Samel. Reeves	Pilw. Island		R	Dams. 82 & 84
Davd. Heard	Hermit		R	& Cents X
Benja. Adams	B. French		R	
Dea. Robt. Cutting	Goldsmith	1	R	
Capt. Danl. Maynard	Fool Quality	1	R	
Joel Briant	Man of feeling		R	
John Noyes Junr.	Putnams Life		R	
Micah Maynard	Hist. Vermont		R	
Elisha Cutting	Heaths echoes		R	
Nathan Gleazen	Hist. Worcester		R	
Josiah Thomas	Udolpho	1	R	
Robt. Rutlin	Life Joseph		R	
Jacob Reeves	Hist. England	1	R	
Davd. Samel. Griffin	Ladies Advice		R	
Thos. Heard	Dodds reflec.		R	
Timo. Sherman	Necker &c		R	

March 7th 1797 At a Quarterly Meeting of the Proprietors (which should have been on the Preceding day but was adjourned on account of the annual Town meeting) the Book being all returned, the following were delivered out as follows Viz.t

			Vol:	Bid cent.		
	Elisha Cutting	Goldsmiths Am.a	1	4 ×	R	past 3 Oclock Left on the Ledge of the Wears 5 Cents
Rev.d	Josiah Bridge	B: Smith		21 ×	R	×
	David Smith	D.o Encyclop.a			R	
	Jacob Reeves	Goldsmiths		3	R	
	Joel Baiant	Hool Quality		1	R	
	Edm.d Rice	Hist: Vermont			R	fine past 3 Oclock ×
Capt:	Dav.d Baldwin	Hool Quality		2 1 ×	R	past 3 Oclock × Con 129 P.
Dea.n	Rob.t Cutting	Seneca morals			R	past 3 Oclock on 4 Sept.
	Edw.d K: Wolcott	Goldsmiths		2	R	past 3 Oclock × 5 Cents
	Benj.a Adams	Dodds reflection			R	
	Aaron L: Bridge	Paleys widows			R	
	Micah Maynard	America Revol.n		1	R	
Capt:	Dan.l Maynard	Hool Quality		3	R	
	Simeon Pratt	Adolphus		1	R	
	Josiah Thomas	D.o		2	R	
Dea.n	Sam.l Griffin	Hist: England		1	R	Altered Page 72 20 ×
	David Heard	Paul & Mary			R	
	Sim.n Sherman	Hermit			R	
Dac.n	Jo.s Raley	Pindar		1	R	
	Nathan Eliezer	Vicar Wakefield			R	
	Tho.s Rutler	Citizen World			R	
	Benj.a Pool	Life Joseph			R	
	Rob.t Heard	Evening Amusement			R	
	Caleb Hayward	Putnams Life			R	
	Sam.l Reeves	American Revol.n		2	R	
	Ebenezer Johnson	Goldsmith am.a		4	R	
	John Noyes Jun.r	Locks essays			R	